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Serial No.: 09/657,336

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For: LONG LASTING FUSION PEPTIDE
INHIBITORS OF VIRAL INFECTION

Examiner: J. Parkin

Group Art Unit: 1648

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT MAILED AUGUST
21, 2002, PAPER 7**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action with Restriction Requirement dated August 21, 2002, Paper 7, for which a response is due on **September 20, 2002**. A petition for a one month extension of time is enclosed with this response. As such, it is timely filed.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement and submit that the asserted basis for the restriction are insufficient. Applicants assert that it would not be an undue burden to search the pending claims in this case.

Applicant hereby elects Group II (claims 1, 8-10 and 22-24) **"with"** traverse. In regards to the Examiner's request to elect a single sequence identifier, Applicants elect SEQ ID NO:14, **with** traverse. Applicants assert that it would not be an undue burden to search the sequences of

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SEQ ID NO:10-30 in this case. As indicated at page 5, lines 5-6 of the application as filed, SEQ ID NOs:10-30 show the peptide sequences of RSV F1 region and F2 region corresponding to DP178 and DP107 and representative anti-RSV peptides. As such, the sequences are related and should be searched together.

Applicant expressly reserves his/her right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

Applicant requests examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. **500862001500**. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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